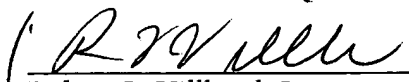




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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE B AFTER FINAL

Introductory Comments:

These amendments and remarks are in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003 and are submitted to place the application in condition for allowance or appeal. A petition for a three-month extension of time, the appropriate small entity fee, and a Notice of Appeal are enclosed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.